

# **Minutes of the Streets & Sanitation Committee Budget Review Meeting**

Bountiful City Streets Department  
April 29, 2014 (4:00 p.m.)

**Present:**

Committee Members:	Richard Higginson, Beth Holbrook (arr. 4:12 p.m.), John Pitt and Kendalyn Harris
City Manager:	Gary Hill (arr. 4:04 p.m.)
Assistant City Manager:	Galen Rasmussen (arr. 4:04 p.m.)
Department Personnel:	Paul Rowland, Gary Blowers, Lloyd Cheney, Merle Schutz, Charles Benson, Jeff Waldron, Tom Tolman (arr. 4:05 p.m.)

Official Notice of this meeting had been given by posting a written notice of same and an agenda at the City Hall and providing copies to the following newspapers of general circulation: Davis County Clipper, Standard Examiner, and on the Utah Public Notice Website.

Committee chair Richard Higginson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., and welcomed those in attendance.

## **PRESENTATION OF BUDGET**

Gary Blowers presented the detailed budget for the Streets department and responded to questions from the committee. A question on street sign design and regulations took place and it was noted that the city has 1,087 intersections and approximately 50 signs per year are replaced in the city. Upcoming street projects were reviewed and the weather and street plowing results for the year were outlined. Committee member John Pitt made a motion to accept the tentative budget of the Streets department, as presented, and send the budget to the full council for approval council member Kendalyn Harris seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous with committee members Higginson, Holbrook, Pitt, and Harris voting "aye".

The budget of the Recycling fund was then presented along with a discussion on the change of recycling providers from Waste Management to Ace Disposal. It was noted that the city cost per can dropped from \$3.24 to \$2.40 with the change of contract and providers. The amount of materials recycled was noted as nearly constant but service quality has been improved in part from the ability to contact local representatives of the recycling company when questions and issues arise. Committee member Kendalyn Harris made a motion to accept the tentative budget of the Recycling

fund, as presented, and send the budget to the full council for approval council member John Pitt seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous with committee members Higginson, Holbrook, Pitt, and Harris voting “aye”.

Gary Blowers next presented the detailed budget for the Storm Water fund and responded to questions from the committee. It was noted that the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) fee for storm water management is being proposed for a \$1.00 increase from \$4.00 to \$5.00 in the fiscal year 2014-2015 budget. This increase is needed to keep pace with capital replacement needs in addition to covering regular operating costs. Committee chair Richard Higginson made a motion to accept the tentative budget of the Storm Water fund, as presented, and send the budget to the full council for approval council member John Pitt seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous with committee members Higginson, Holbrook, Pitt, and Harris voting “aye”.

The next budget presented for approval was the Landfill fund. Gary Blowers outlined the operations of the landfill and selected aspects of the current financial results. It was noted that the Landfill and Sanitation funds are related operations and share a portion of the municipal collections fees charged to residents for trash collection. Currently, the Landfill receives 25% of the municipal collections fees and the Sanitation fund receives 75%. In the fiscal year 2014-2015 budget, the allocation of these fees will change with the Landfill receiving 20% and the Sanitation fund receiving 80% to better address the costs of service in each operation. Paul Rowland and Gary Blowers outlined the benefits received by citizens and others who are using the Bountiful Pond area that is adjacent to the Landfill. The pond area has been improved over the years to allow better utilization and many scout groups and others use the area frequently. Committee member Kendalyn Harris made a motion to accept the tentative budget of the Landfill fund, as presented, and send the budget to the full council for approval council member John Pitt seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous with committee members Higginson, Holbrook, Pitt, and Harris voting “aye”.

Gary Blowers presented the detailed budget for the Sanitation fund and responded to questions from the committee. The positive impact from a change in allocation of municipal collection fees was again mentioned. The annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event was reviewed along with the date set for this event in 2014 which is October 11. In past years, approximately 500 to 700 residents have utilized the HHW event to drop off unused paint, pesticides, fertilizers, batteries, oil anti-freeze and other hazardous waste items. Some of these items such as batteries, oil and anti-freeze are accepted year round. Residents also benefit from a Fall Clean-up event which will be held in 2014 from October 6 to 10. A brief discussion was also held on the maintenance and replacement of trash cans. It was noted that there are still some cans in service from the initial service date in 1984. Committee chair Richard Higginson made a motion to accept the tentative budget of the Sanitation fund, as presented, and send the budget to the full council for approval council member

John Pitt seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous with committee members Higginson, Holbrook, Pitt, and Harris voting “aye”.

Paul Rowland presented the detailed budget for the Engineering department and responded to questions from the committee. A review of staffing in the department was made which included a reduction in force with elimination of the draftsman position in the department. In fiscal year 2014-2015 two engineering interns will be employed to assist with surveying and other public works projects for the summer season. Committee chair Richard Higginson made a motion to accept the tentative budget of the Engineering department, as presented, and send the budget to the full council for approval council member John Pitt seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous with committee members Higginson, Holbrook, Pitt, and Harris voting “aye”.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. on a motion made by committee member John Pitt and seconded by Committee chair Richard Higginson. Voting was unanimous with Committee members Higginson, Holbrook, Pitt, and Harris voting “aye”.

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Richard Higginson, Committee Chair

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Kim J. Coleman, City Recorder